

Appln. No. 09/992,816
Amendment dated Dec. 8, 2004
Reply to Office Action of Sep. 8, 2004
Docket No. BOC9-2001-0040 (285)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of September 8, 2004 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the three-month statutory period, no fee is believed due.

In paragraphs 1-13, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,085,159 to Ortega, *et al.* (Ortega).

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 8, 11, and 12 to clarify that frames variably displayed within the single window include a frame containing a list of valid speech recognition commands for a current speech recognition system state (a "What Can I Say" frame) and a frame containing a list of alternative text selections for a previously spoken word for which a speech-recognition operation has been performed (a "correction" frame). Support for these amendments can be found in claim 7, page 9, Figures 3 and 4, and throughout the specification. Claims 7, 9, and 18 have been amended so that the three items previously claimed in the alternative (a Markush grouping) are now claimed conjunctively. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

In regard to the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections to claims 1-18, Ortega fails to teach the claimed limitation that one of the frames variably displayed in a single window includes a correction window nor is such a teaching inherently present within Ortega, which is directed entirely towards an innovation for a "What Can I Say" window. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejections to claims 1-18 should be withdrawn, which action is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that as described in the background, the present invention solves the problem of multiple floating windows cluttering a screen. These floating windows that clutter a screen explicitly include a "what can I say" window, a correction or alternative word selection window, and a command history window. The Applicants'

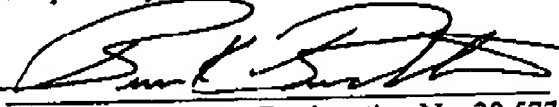
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claimed invention solves the indicated problem by using speech recognition system state information to variably present frames including content previously contained in a separately displayed "What Can I Say" window, an alternative word selection window, and the command history window. Neither Ortega, nor any of the other art references not relied by the Examiner in the present Office Action teach or suggest variably presenting a "What Can I Say" frame or a correction frame within a single window based upon speech recognition system state information.

Consequently, Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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